

IC 4-4-9.7**Chapter 9.7. Office of Rural Affairs****IC 4-4-9.7-1****"Director"**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "director" refers to the director of the office of rural affairs appointed under section 5 of this chapter.
As added by P.L.83-2005, SEC.5.

IC 4-4-9.7-2**"Office"**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "office" refers to the office of rural affairs established by section 4 of this chapter.
As added by P.L.83-2005, SEC.5.

IC 4-4-9.7-3**"Secretary"**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "secretary" refers to the lieutenant governor as secretary of agriculture and rural development, as provided in IC 4-4-2.3.
As added by P.L.83-2005, SEC.5.

IC 4-4-9.7-4**Office of rural affairs established**

Sec. 4. The office of rural affairs is established.
As added by P.L.83-2005, SEC.5.

IC 4-4-9.7-5**Director; appointment; chief executive and administrative officer; employees**

Sec. 5. (a) The secretary shall appoint an individual to be the director of the office.

(b) The director:

- (1) serves at the secretary's pleasure;
- (2) is entitled to receive compensation in an amount set by the secretary subject to the approval of the budget agency under IC 4-12-1-13; and
- (3) is responsible to the secretary.

(c) The director is the chief executive and administrative officer of the office.

(d) The director may appoint employees in the manner provided by IC 4-15-2 and fix their compensation, subject to the approval of the budget agency under IC 4-12-1-13.

(e) The director may delegate the director's authority to the appropriate office staff.

As added by P.L.83-2005, SEC.5.

IC 4-4-9.7-6**Duties of office**

Sec. 6. The office shall do the following:

- (1) Administer the rural development fund under IC 4-4-9.
- (2) Administer the rural development administration fund under IC 4-4-9.3.
- (3) Provide administrative and staff support for the Indiana rural development council under IC 4-4-9.5.
- (4) Administer the Indiana main street program under IC 4-4-16.
- (5) Administer the community development block grant program.
- (6) Administer the duties of the high speed communications director.

As added by P.L.83-2005, SEC.5.